



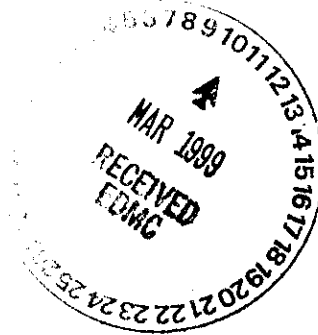
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March 4, 1999

Mr. James E. Rasmussen, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
Richland, Washington, 99352



Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application, Form 3 for
Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF), Revision 0
(WA7890008967).

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE) above-referenced Part A Permit Application (Form 3) Revision, submitted December 1997, pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-805(7)(a)(i) and (ii).

After reviewing the March 25, 1998, page revisions, it was determined that these need to be certified. Ecology recommends that USDOE prepare a Part A Permit Application, Form 3, Revision 1 for WESF, and submit it to Ecology for approval.

Due to the unique nature of this facility, Ecology is requesting an outline of USDOE's plans for compliance and implementation of the interim status requirements at WESF. After reviewing your plan, Ecology will schedule a meeting with your staff to discuss options and work on an acceptable approach.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3003.

Sincerely,

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Nuclear Waste Program

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Administrative Record: Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility	